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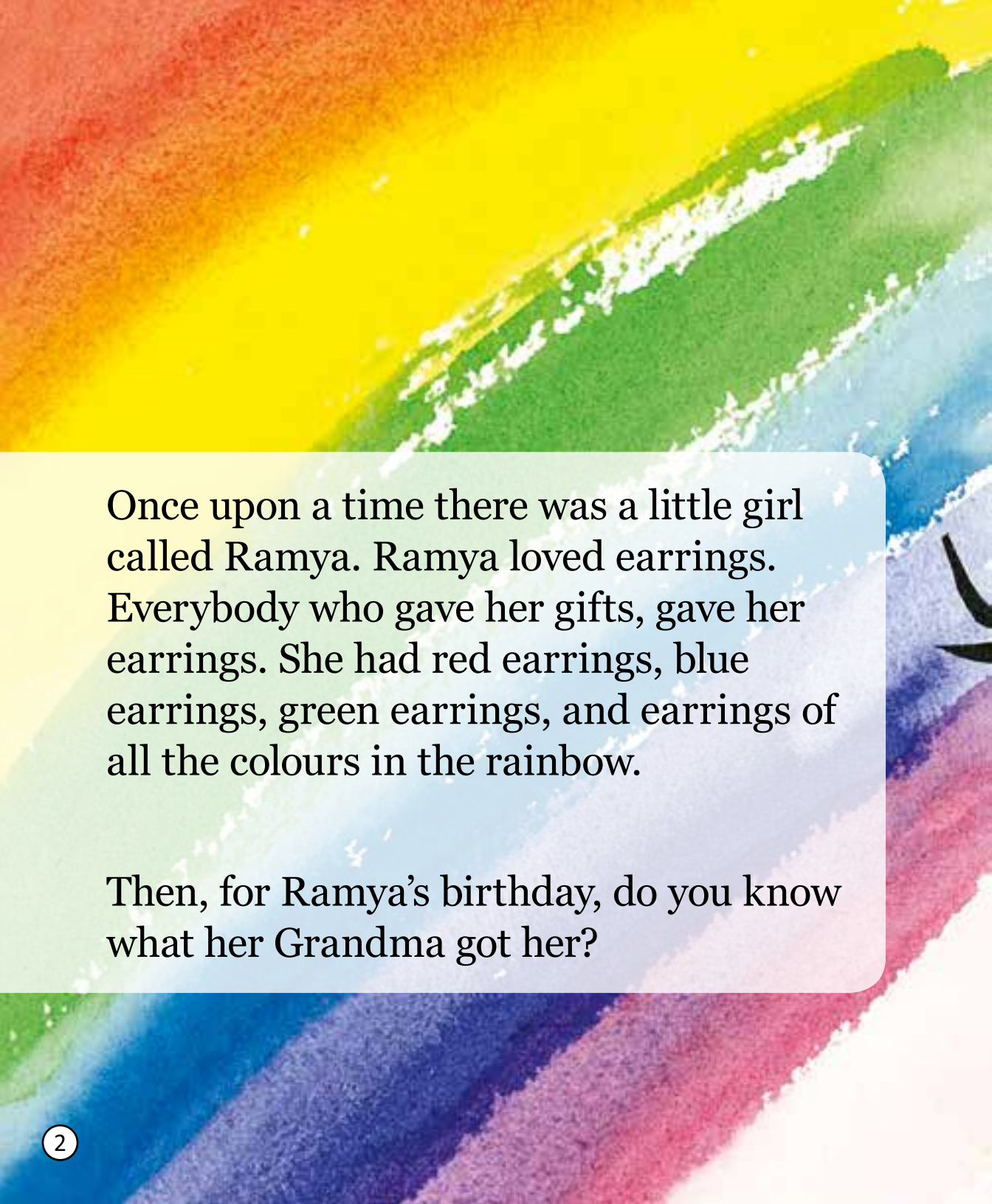
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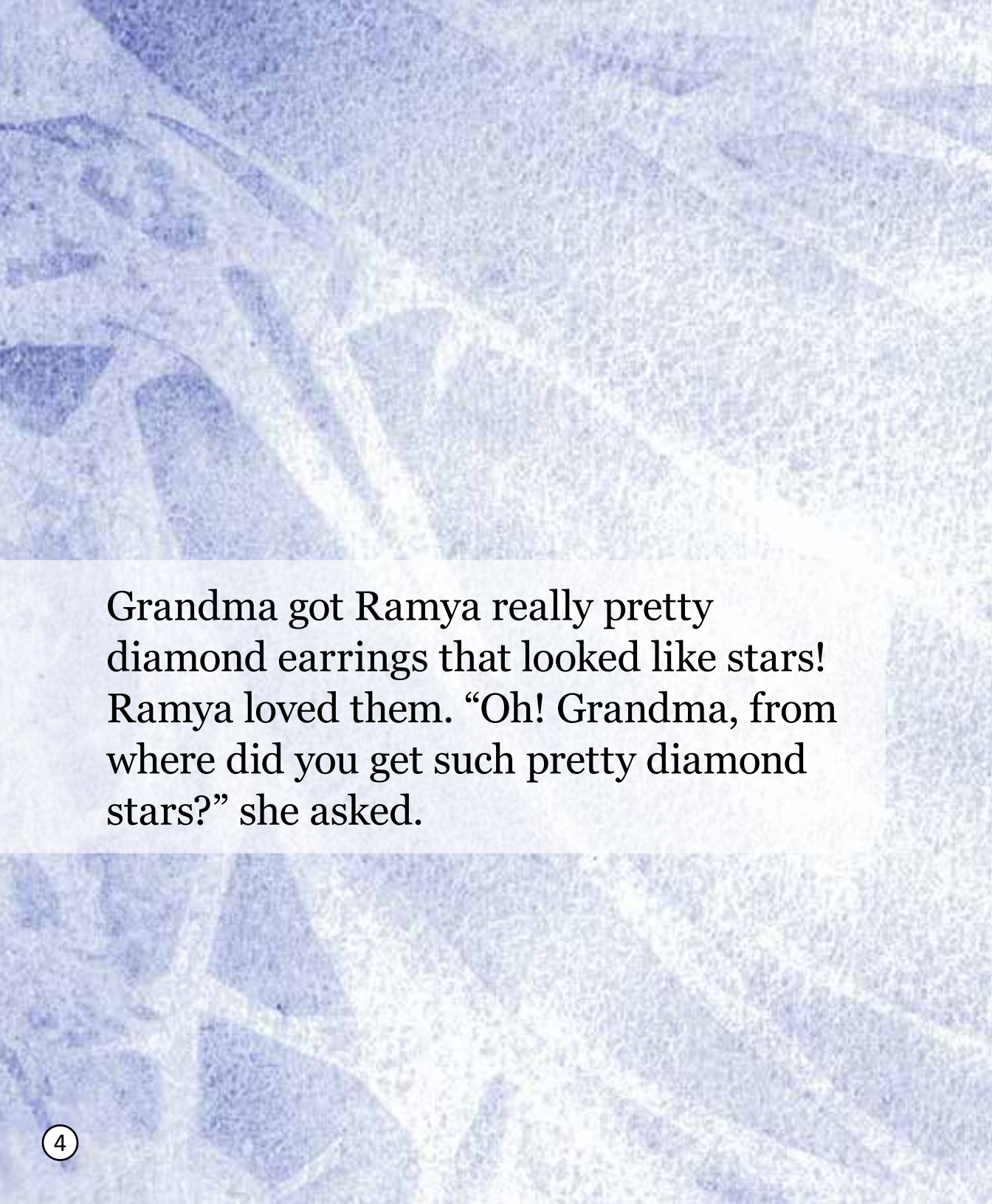




Once upon a time there was a little girl called Ramya. Ramya loved earrings. Everybody who gave her gifts, gave her earrings. She had red earrings, blue earrings, green earrings, and earrings of all the colours in the rainbow.

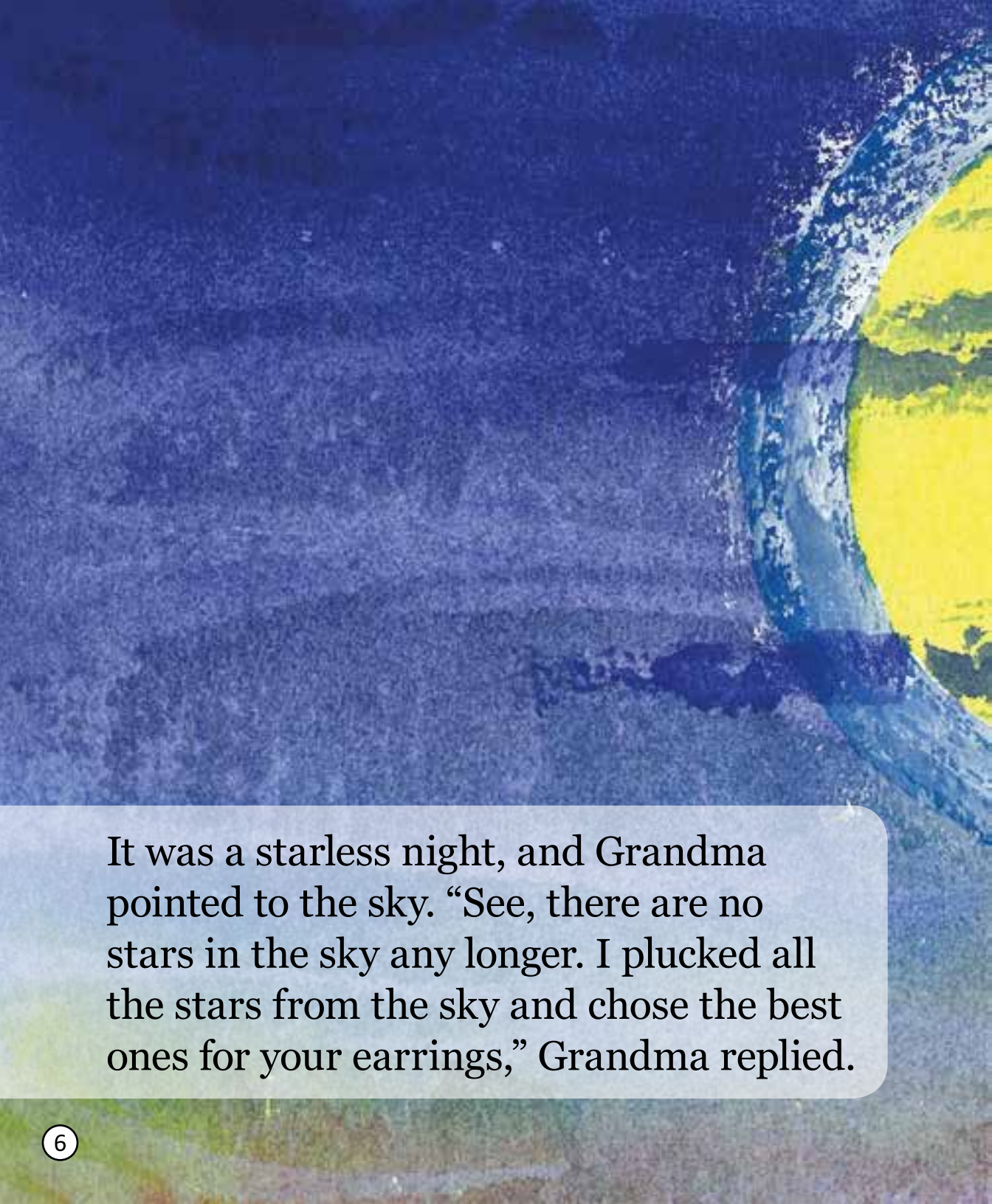
Then, for Ramya's birthday, do you know what her Grandma got her?





Grandma got Ramya really pretty diamond earrings that looked like stars! Ramya loved them. “Oh! Grandma, from where did you get such pretty diamond stars?” she asked.





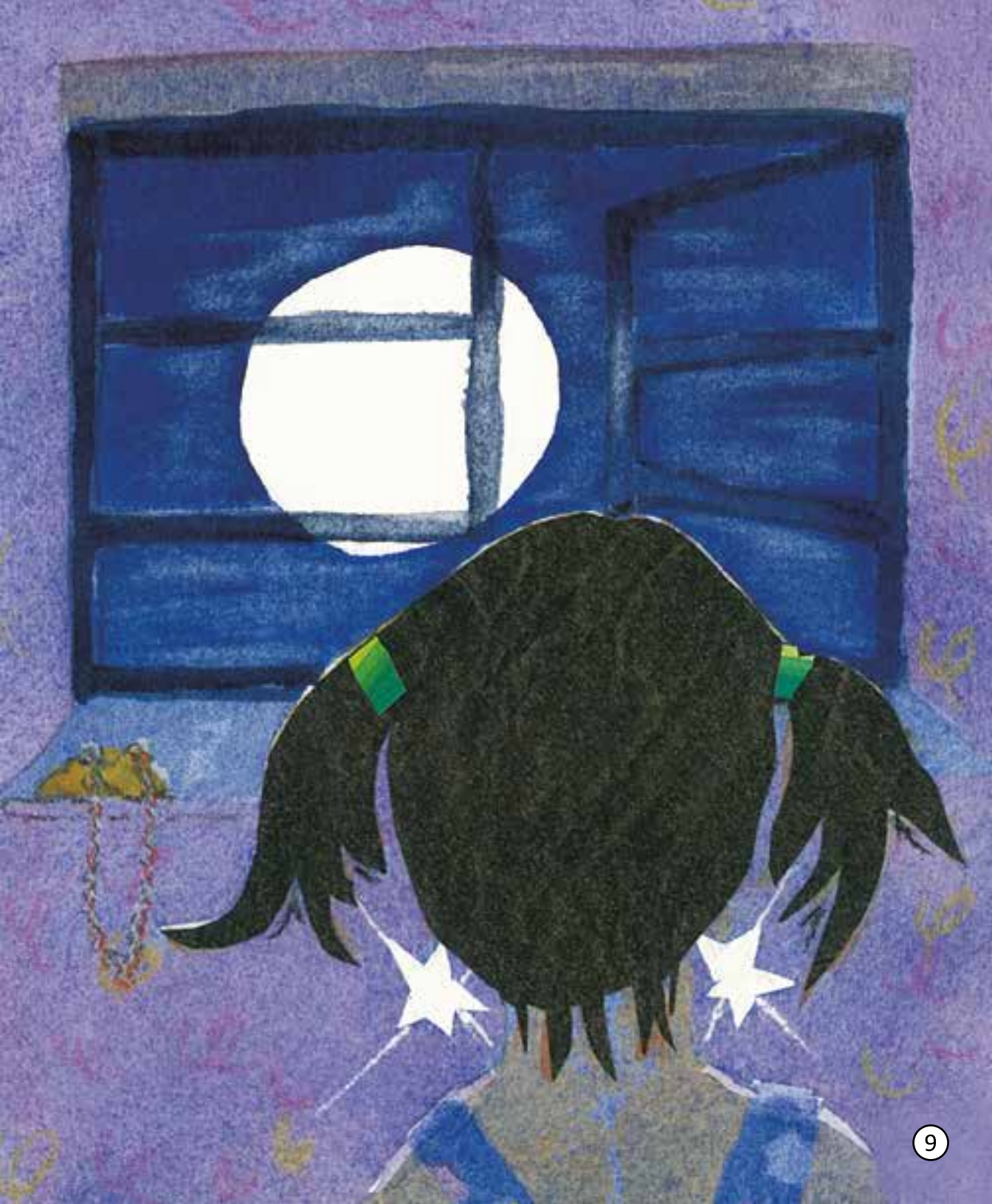
It was a starless night, and Grandma pointed to the sky. “See, there are no stars in the sky any longer. I plucked all the stars from the sky and chose the best ones for your earrings,” Grandma replied.



This made Ramya very sad.

“Twinkle, twinkle little star,
How I wonder where you are?
Up above the world so high
Please come back like diamonds in the sky!”
Ramya sang unhappily.







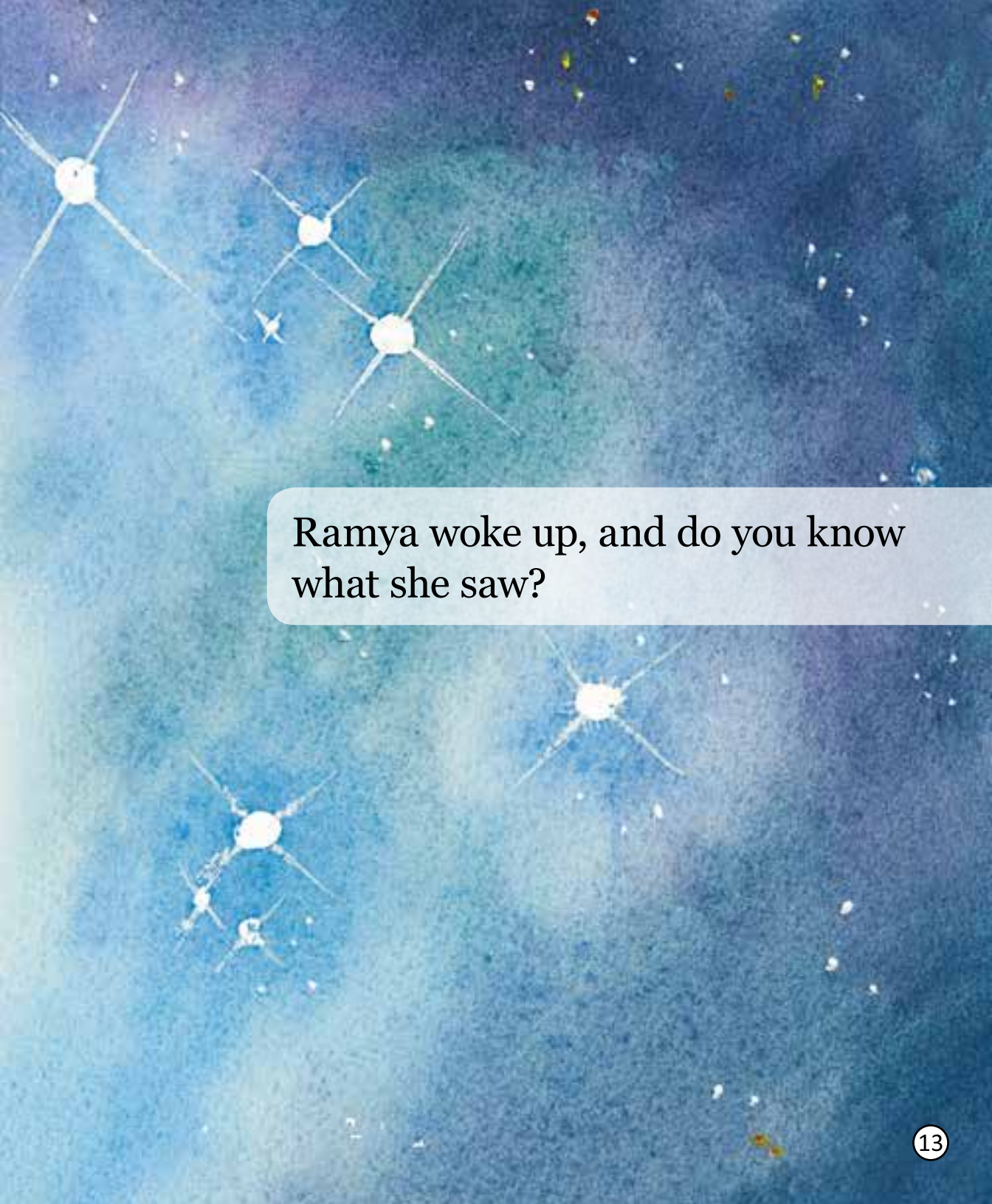
That night, Ramya took off her earrings and placed them carefully under her pillow. She hoped a fairy would return the stars to the sky.



In the middle of the night,
Ramya had a beautiful dream.

In the dream, a pretty fairy came and told Ramya, “Don’t worry Ramya, I have thousands of new stars for the sky!”





Ramya woke up, and do you know
what she saw?

A watercolor illustration of a night sky. The sky is a mix of dark blue, green, and yellow, with many small white stars. Three larger, stylized stars are visible: two yellow and one orange. In the bottom left, a dark silhouette of a girl with pigtails stands next to a small teddy bear. The girl is pointing her right arm towards the stars. The background is a soft, textured watercolor wash of colors.

The night sky was filled with stars!

Ramya's eyes sparkled as she put on her precious diamond star earrings again!





Now, Ramya is so happy!



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